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C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 2137

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, NATO  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "DAWN PATROL 77":  
CORRIGENDUM

REF: USNATO 2083 (DTG 081338Z APR 77)

1. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS CIRCULATED THE  
FOLLOWING TWO PARAGRAPHS THAT WERE INADVERTENTLY  
DROPPED FROM THE EARLIER TEXT OF THE PROPOSED  
PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "DAWN PATROL 77" (REFTEL).  
THESE PARAGRAPHS SHOULD GO BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND  
THREE OF REFTEL. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AGREED ON  
APRIL 12 TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE  
PROCEDURE TO COB APRIL 19 VICE APRIL 18. ACTION  
REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXT FOR PROPOSED PRESS  
RELEASE, AS AMENDED, BY OOB APRIL 19.

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2. BEGIN TEXT OF PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR  
OF PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE:

THE SCENARIO PROVIDES FOR TWO TRAINING PHASES,  
ONE IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND THE OTHER IN THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA. IN THE CENTRAL TRAINING PHASE,  
A NAVAL FORCE WILL ASSEMBLE AT AUGUSTA, SICILY, UNDER THE  
OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN,  
(COMEDCENT), TO TRAIN FOR THREE DAYS EXERCISING ANTI-SUBMARINE  
AND AIR DEFENCE PROCEDURES. LATER, AN AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE

WILL TRANSIT TO SARDINIA UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE COMMANDER NAVAL STRIKING AND SUPPORT FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE (COMSTRIKEFORSOUTH) DURING WHICH TIME THE FORCE WILL BE SUBJECTED TO AIR, SURFACE, AND ANTI-SUBMARINE ATTACK. ONCE THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCES REACH SARDINIA THEY WILL MAKE AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING WHICH WILL BE OPPOSED BY THE AMF LAND FORCES AND ELEMENTS OF AN ITALIAN TANK BATTALION. THE COMMANDER ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE (COMLANDSOUTH) WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ALL LAND AND AMPHIBIOUS FORCES IN SARDINIA AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH FRIENDLY AND AGGRESSOR FORCES THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE.

IN THE EASTERN TRAINING PHASE, A SECOND NAVAL FORCE WILL ASSEMBLE AT IZMIR, TURKEY TO EXERCISE SEA CONTROL OPERATIONS IN A MULTI-NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PORTION OF THE EXERCISE THE NAVAL FORCE WILL SAIL WESTWARD TESTING THEIR ANTI-SUBMARINE AND AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITIES AND WILL ENGAGE SURFACE OPPOSITION PROVIDED BY NATO'S NAVAL ON-CALL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN.

END TEXT.  
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